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New Arhar Variety
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scientists at Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) have developed a new arhar variety;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expected annual production of this newly developed arhar variety and the extent to which the prices of arhar dal are likely to come down in the country; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to encourage the State level agricultural scientists to develop new varieties of arhar dal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): ICAR-IARI has developed early maturing (120 days) arhar genotype PADT-16. This genotype is determinate in habit, short statured (<100 cm) and suited for close planting (30x15cm).

(c) This genotype is yet to be evaluated in different agro-ecologies in All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Pigeonpea.

(d) ICAR is funding AICRP on Pigeonpea and its centres are located in the State Agricultural Universities. During the last 6 years (2010-15), through AICRP, 9 new pigeonpea varieties have been released and notified for cultivation in different agro-ecologies.
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